Tax Liens

All bills warranted to the Tax Collector (real estate, yield, current use, etc.) are annually married together into one tax lien. An Intent to Lien Notice is mailed by certified mail to the owner of the property at the last known address thirty days prior to the lien being placed. The lien is recorded at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds.

All tax, interest to the date of lien and costs associated with the lien become a principal amount on the lien date. Interest at 18 percent per annum is then charged on that principal to the date of payment.

This office does not report liens to any credit bureaus. However, recording of liens at the Registry of Deeds makes them a public record. Credit bureaus may then obtain the information for recording on your credit report. Mortgagees are notified of the lien.

The Tax Collector may Deed the property to the Town anytime after the tax lien has been on the books for two years and one day. The Tax Collector must mail an Intent to Deed notice to the property owner, at their last known address, and any mortgagee(s) prior to deeding the property to the Town. The Intent to Deed Notice will give the property owner or mortgagee(s) a minimum of 30 days to pay the lien prior to deeding the property to the Town.

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